

SENATE BILL 1795

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to the age of eligibility to attend school.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-201(b)(3), is amended by deleting the language "August 15" and substituting "May 15".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3001, is amended by deleting the language "August 15" and substituting "May 15" in subsection (a) and in subdivision (b)(1), and by deleting subdivision (b)(2)(B).

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding § 49-6-201(b) or § 49-6-3001(a) or (b), children who participate in an LEA-administered pre-kindergarten program; a pre-kindergarten program administered by a private school, as defined by § 49-6-3001(c)(3)(A)(iii); or a Head Start program in a Head Start classroom, as defined by 42 U.S.C. § 9832 during the 2024-2025 school year may enter kindergarten in the 2025-2026 school year; provided, that such children must be five (5) years of age on or before August 15, 2024.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2024-2025 school year and each school year thereafter.